

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Rickman for the helpful and courteous interview held April 13, 2005. At that time a proposed amendment to the claims was discussed that differs slightly from that presented above with regard to the time the claimed surface and antifrosting adsorbent layer prevent the visible formation of condensation and frosting upon exposure to room temperature. As mentioned during the interview, Applicants were considering amending this time to three minutes. However, after consideration of the differences between the prior art and the claims, this was determined to be unnecessary, and thus Claim 57 has been retained.

As discussed during the interview, the only remaining issue upon the entry of the December 8, 2004, amendment was the possible reapplication of Creasy (U.S. 5,262,475, of record). See the Advisory Action dated December 22, 2004. However, in view of the above amendment requiring 1.) a refrigerator door comprising 2.) a transparent glazing having deposited thereon an adsorbent layer consisting essentially of a porous polymeric coating of a three dimensional network of polyvinylpyrrolidone and polyurethane, the Creasy reference is not applicable.

Creasy relates to a polyvinyl alcohol/polyvinylpyrrolidone polymer coating, not to a three dimensional network of polyvinylpyrrolidone and polyurethane. As discussed during the interview, a three dimensional network of polyvinylpyrrolidone and polyurethane provides excellent results when used as a part of a refrigerator door in keeping the door clear when it is opened into room temperature and humidity. See specification page 8, from line 1 to the bottom. This is important for so-called merchandisers that are used in convenience stores selling sodas, etc, to a stream of continuous customers who open and close the doors of such refrigerators all day long – it is important for the next customer to be able to see what is in the refrigerator.

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Because nothing in the art suggests what is claimed herein, a Notice of Allowance is requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to call the undersigned.

Finally, Applicants note copending applications 10/981,569 and 10/981,585, both of which are continuations of the present application. Notices of Interference were filed in these continuation cases regarding published applications 10/341,525 and 10/827,598, both filed substantially after the present application. The IDS filed herewith has to do with these interference matters, and is not believed to bear on the issues here.

Respectfully submitted,

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